

Assessment of finds from Tattershall Road, Boston (TREB-06)

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A small collection of artefacts from archaeological fieldwork at Tattershall Road, Boston, carried out by Pre-Construct Archaeology (Lincoln) Ltd was submitted for identification and assessment. None of the submitted finds, which consist of clay tobacco pipes and glass (Table 1) appears to be earlier than the mid 18th century.

Table 1

class	cname	209	219	402	417	Grand Total
CTP	PIPECLAY		1	2	1	4
PMGL	PMGL	2		2	1	5
Grand Total		2	1	4	2	9

Description

Clay Tobacco Pipes

Four fragments of clay tobacco pipe were recorded. Three of these were stems, whose bore diameters suggest a late 18th or 19th-century date, and one was a fragment from a bowl rim, showing that the pipe was undecorated and with a small bulbous bowl, typical of 19th-century examples.

Glass

Five fragments of glass were recorded. One of these, from context 417, is from a thin-walled bottle whose overall shape suggests a "mallet" or "tall" form. The fragment is heavily weathered, which suggests a date in the mid 18th-century or earlier (there was evidently a change in glass composition after this date which makes more recent glass more stable).

Two fragments from near-identical moulded bottles of mid 19th century or later date were recorded from context 209.

Two fragments of glass, both melted, were recovered from context 402. The colour of the glass (clear and light green) suggest a 19th century date.

Assessment

None of the finds require further treatment. Since they are all from stratified contexts they should all be retained for potential future study. The glass fragment from context 417 may require special storage conditions and should be submitted for a conservation assessment.

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Appendix 1

Context	class	cname	subfabric	Object	Nosh	NoV	Weight	Part	Description	Condition
402	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	3	BOWL	PROB 19TH C;PLAIN WITH NO ROULETTE AT RIM	
402	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	2	BS	2.4-2.8MM BORE DIAM L18TH/19TH C	
417	PMGL	PMGL		BOT	1	1	3	BS	POSSIBLE MALLET BUT THIN WALLED	WEATHERED
417	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	6	BS	2.0-2.4MM BORE DIAM L18TH/19TH C	
209	PMGL	PMGL	LTGR	BOT	2	2	131	B	MOULDED BOTTLES;M19TH+	
402	PMGL	PMGL	CLEAR	-	1	1	3	BS		BURNT/MELTED
402	PMGL	PMGL	LTGR	-	1	1	19	BS		BURNT/MELTED
219	CTP	PIPECLAY		PIPE	1	1	2	BS	2.8MM BORE DIAM; L18TH/19TH C	

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